



St Paul's
COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

THE INFORMER

KEEPING THE ST PAUL'S PARENTS AND STUDENT COMMUNITY INFORMED

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REFLECTING ON TERM ONE, THE FIRST TEN WEEKS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY STRONG. DESPITE THE POTENTIAL DISTRACTIONS OF MR LANDER'S ABSENCE; THE LACK OF A CONSISTENT CHAPLAIN; THE RENOVATION/EXPANSION OF WILLIAMS HOUSE; THE FULL NATURE OF A SHORTER IN LENGTH TERM ONE; THE SCHOOL HAS CONTINUED TO PROVE ITSELF A PRODUCTIVE, FOCUSED AND CALM ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE SEEN SOME OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC, SPORTING AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCES.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL THOSE AFFILIATED WITH THE SCHOOL AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR CONSISTENT, ENTHUSIASTIC AND AFFIRMING MANNER IN WHICH THEY HAVE NAVIGATED THE FIRST TERM OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.



Ainsley Robson
ACTING HEADMASTER

In all four defining cornerstones, the school has seen success. Spiritually, we have been fortunate to have the services of The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Waikato; The Very Reverend Peter Rickman and Reverend Peter Osborne to lead our school in worship. Together with the Chapel Prefects and Worship Team, they have done a fantastic job and helped maintain a positive culture throughout.

Other highlights for the term include: the impressive performances of our students in NCEA, Cambridge and national Scholarship examinations; the success of our rowers (especially the coxed four in winning the Springbok Shield for the first time since 2003); the success in athletics, swimming, cricket and numerous other individual sporting pursuits, both on a regional and national level; the quality of musicianship displayed in 'A Night on Broadway'; the selection of senior students to attend the Chemistry Olympiad and international Science camps; the quality of finish of the newly renovated and expanded Williams House; we continue to enjoy the cooperation of the wider community through the Year 13

Construction class project as they build two single bedroom units on the School campus.

It has been great to catch up with many of you at the numerous events held over the term. Your kind words of support for the Lander family has been a constant source of strength for them. I know the excellent nature of his latest medical update was rejoiced by everyone in and around the St Paul's community.

In Term Two, the school is looking to trial a fortnightly regular reporting of effort. This trial will initially apply only to Year 11 students, with an email having already been sent out describing the intent and criteria of this reporting system. The aim is to provide a snapshot of the student's effort in class over a two-week period, providing the parents, all teaching staff and the student with a live account of their classroom efforts. It will hopefully work as an engagement mechanism for parents and in turn, provide increased motivation for students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ferguson family for the

wonderful donation of the ten poppies that many would have seen at the roundabout in front of the Chapel of Christ the King. Some years ago Emanae and Kaenan manufactured these giant poppies to commemorate ANZAC Day. They made an impressive display upon entering the school and we are very grateful to have them, especially for such an important year in the history of ANZAC.

As a school, we are set to take on the remaining challenges of 2015. At the first Headmaster's assembly of Term Two, the students were encouraged to embrace all the opportunities this school has to offer, but in amongst the hustle and bustle of modern day school life, they were reminded to never lose sight of the major purpose, "their academic studies". It is the preparation that they do today that will determine how they will perform tomorrow.



GALLAGHER BECOMES NAMING RIGHTS PARTNER

ONE OF THE MOST POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS FOR ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL'S CAPITAL PROJECTS HAS BEEN THE SECURING OF THE SUPPORT OF THE GALLAGHER GROUP AS NAMING RIGHTS PARTNER FOR THE NEW GALLAGHER AGRIBUSINESS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Construction is progressing well with the Gallagher Agribusiness Centre of Excellence building taking shape next to the science block.



Gallagher's is an iconic business name in the rural sector with a great reputation for developing high quality, innovative solutions to issues faced by rural businesses within New Zealand and around the world. Sir William and Lady Judi have been longstanding, tremendous supporters of our School, previously assisting with the funding of the Gallagher Centre – the Dining Room, which stands at the centre of our Tihoi Venture campus. As a business and a family, they have embraced the vision of Agribusiness at St Paul's and delivering into other schools around the country. The new Gallagher Agribusiness Centre of Excellence will be an important community and sector resource, which will be used by our Agribusiness partners and agricultural

sector groups such as Young Farmers for meetings, professional development and promotional opportunities. It will take centre stage in the national conference that we will host for New Zealand educators in the middle of 2016. We hope to have the Right Honourable, John Key, Prime Minister open the new facility mid year, which will provide us with an opportunity to thank the Gallagher's and the numerous donors who have made this exciting possibility a reality. We want, in this newsletter, to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Sir William, Lady Judi and the Gallagher family for their very generous donation.

Fundraising for the school capital projects is progressing well with just over \$2.1m raised so far.

We are so grateful for donations from the following families:

Waerenga Trust (John and Sarah Oliver); David Blackley; Cloie Blackley Anonymous (3); Anthony Redmond; Lapwood Family; Mark and Anne Gemmell; Fish Family

Thank you all for showing such confidence and support in our school and its vision for the future. It is both very heartening and uplifting to know we have a community so strongly behind the way that we plan to develop St Paul's Collegiate School.



PROFILE OF KEY BUSINESS PARTNERS FOR THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE



Waikato Milking Systems design and manufacture a wide range of dairy technology solutions including world-first products the new high strength, light weight Centrus composite rotary platform. They specialise in high performance rotary milking systems and technology that ensures efficient and reliable milking of large herds. Waikato Milking Systems has four manufacturing divisions – all centrally located in the heartland of New Zealand’s premier dairy region.

Waikato Milking Systems actively conducts business in more than 30 countries around the world, with their key growth markets being China, United States, United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa. Working in partnership with local installation and service personnel, Waikato Milking Systems provide integrated milking solutions for large-scale intensive farming operations.

They have developed a strong reputation for long term product performance and reliability. Waikato Milking Systems new state of the art engineering facility was opened in 2013 and includes modern robotic welding and automated precision processing technology.

Waikato Milking Systems partners with international herd management experts, Afimilk from Israel.

For high profile client, Mengniu Dairy, Waikato Milking Systems is providing a range of state-of-the-art rotary milking systems for a variety of locations across China. This includes twin 80 bail rotaries that are operating 24 hours a day, milking 7500 cows three times a day.

Waikato Milking Systems is one of the largest manufacturers of rotary milking systems in the world, with products that stand out for delivering exceptional performance and reliability while also being extremely easy to use.



Waitomo is a good old Kiwi company. In fact we’re more than 65 years old, and proudly Kiwi-owned, Kiwi-operated and loyally serving Kiwi’s throughout New Zealand. Our Head Office is located in the heartland of New Zealand, in Frankton, Hamilton.

Since the start we have had a distribution partnership with New Zealand’s first oil company, Mobil Oil NZ (then the Vacuum Oil Company), making us Mobil’s longest serving distribution partner. In 2010 Waitomo started importing Sinopec lubricants and we now offer a comprehensive range of Sinopec products.

Waitomo is a fully integrated service company with an extensive range of petroleum products and services including; bulk fuel supply, on-site fuel supply, fuel cards, fuel and oil storage solutions, and oil supply.

Waitomo’s client base reflects the diverse application of petroleum products across our country; Agriculture, Aquaculture, Aviation, Earth Moving, Forestry, Marine, Road Transport, wherever petroleum products are used!

Our success has been built on three key platforms; people, a regular and reliable fuel delivery service, and competitive pricing.

We pride ourselves on developing and maintaining strong relationships with our supply partners, distribution partners and our team – so we can

provide Kiwi’s with innovative supply solutions to keep them moving.

The New Zealand fuel and oil industry will continue to be a challenging environment to operate in, and Waitomo will continue to rise to the challenge – like we have done for more than 65 years.



Photo of Jimmy Ormsby receiving certificate from Nathan Guy



WILLIAMS HOUSE UPGRADE COMPLETE

The students, staff and families of Williams House will give a collective sigh of relief when the builders finish the early stages of the expansion and development of the boarding house.

Stages one and two of the upgrade have been completed which includes:

- New Year 9 dormitory and Year 13 single-room accommodation
- New three-bedroom Deputy Housemaster's residence and one-bedroom Assistant Housemaster's flat
- Revamped Year 10 and Year 11 accommodation and common room

There will still be areas for future upgrade (i.e. Year 12 accommodation and footlocker area), but these will be done after the Clark and Sargood senior accommodation has been upgraded.

The \$2.4m Williams project has finished on time and within budget and we congratulate Livingstone Builders and their associated subcontractors for their tremendous support and assistance, particularly over the normal Christmas/ New Year holiday period. Thanks also to the boys and staff for their patience and cooperation as the development has gone on while they were living alongside and inside the boarding house.

Given the earthquake issues faced by the old Williams House building, it is great to get such a positive outcome. We are so grateful to many Old Collegians, past and present parents who have generously donated and who have made this project possible. Thank you. We feel sure that all involved will be proud of the end result.



An extension to Williams House has provided accommodation for an additional 30 boarders. Year 9, 10, 11 and 13 dorms and single rooms have been upgraded with a very modern interior.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF VOCAL PERFORMANCE

With the departure of Mr Francis Cowan at the conclusion of the term to take up his new role at the University of Waikato, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Nigel Williams to the position of Director of Vocal Performance. Mr Williams was the Director of Music at St Paul's Collegiate School for the period 1991 – 1998. Mr Williams has also been the HOD Music of Henderson High School (1980 – 1985) and Westlake Girls' High School (1986 – 1990); Director of Music of Scots College, Wellington (1998 – 2003) and Marsden School, Wellington (2003 – 2007). Upon his move to the United Kingdom in 2008, Mr Williams took on various short term full time and part-time music teaching roles in

UK schools, while also serving as the organist at St Philip's Church, Earl's Court in London and later at St Mary's Anglican Church, Stoke Newington, London; before taking on the role of Director of Music at Mill Hill School, London (1200 students aged 3-18) for the period of 2011 – 2014. Mr Williams has since returned to New Zealand and is living in Tauranga. Mr Williams holds a Bachelor of Music (Auckland); Master of Music with Honours (Auckland) and Diploma of Teaching (Auckland). He has considerable experience in working with choirs both in New Zealand and the UK and is a highly professional organist.



 **St Paul's**
COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 15 MAY
@ 1.15PM

YOU SOON START TO FEEL LIKE YOU'RE HERE TO BE PART OF SOMETHING. IT'S REALLY COOL.

Widely recognised as one of the highest performing schools in New Zealand, with an enviable record of academic, sporting and cultural achievements, St Paul's Collegiate School boasts a long-established tradition of excellence.

JOIN US AT OUR OPEN DAY
on Friday, 15 May at 1.15pm. *We'd love to see you.*

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GOOD REPORT MORNING TEAS

Students whose Housemasters nominated them as 'Standout Performers' from their first report of the year, were honoured with a 'Good Report Morning Tea' on 31st March or 1st April. We congratulated all of the following students for their outstanding start and positive approach to the new academic year:

Year 9

Lewis Candy
Owen Comber
Rico D'Anvers
Jack Deane
Ronan Fuller
Jacob Gibbs
Thomas Griffin
Adam Jefferis
Fritz Jooste
Henry Mandeno

Jeremiah McDonald
Max McLean-Bluck
Samuel McNaughton
Jack Morton
Sam Ogilvy
Christopher Penno
Blake Price
Falcon Prout
Te Waiti Rawiri
Clay Richardson

Gagan Singh
Baljit Singh
Campbell Smith
Harrison Stace
Carlin Vollebregt
Max Watson
Angus Wilson
George Wilson
Yao (Alex) Zhong

Year 10

Luka Benseman
Thomas Brown
Spencer
Clayton-Greene
Joseph Dean
Patrick Dowd
Giovanni Glendining
Kamsan Govender

Joseph Harris
Fergus Hunt
Jasom Khatkar
Divakrin Naicker
Carl (Christian)
Neethling
Nikolai Osokin
Harrison Phillips

Jonathon Porritt
Elijah-Wade Potter
Keith Thorburn
Lane Tims
James Webster
Herman Wei

Year 11

Quinn Bowie
Zacharias Campbell
Shaun Campbell
Jamie Carlson
Frederick Corkill
Samuel Dean
Shay Dickson
Hubertus Drostén
Connor Edwards
Lachlan Finch
Samuel Forte
Josh Grindlay
Darius Hasan-Stein

Jessica Hood
Logan Jarvis
Matthew Jayasuria
Kate Littlejohn
Lachlan McLean
James Mitchell
William Morrow
Sarah Parker
Aidan Phillips
Maggie Powell
Judd Redmond
John Richardson
Sara Ryan

Geo Ryu
Oliver Saunders
Hamish Tapp
Daniel Thomas
Phoebe Thompson
Madison Tims
Michael Turnbull
Thomas Watson
Benjamin Wheeler
Daniel Wheeler
Matthew Wilson
Jordan Wise
Gavin Yip

Year 12

Michail Andreef
Jin (Nicholas) Chen
Nathan Cleaver
Tully Dickson
Kacey Diggelmann
Yu (James) Feng
Emanae Ferguson
Blair Foster
Conor Fuller
Connor Gordon
Kenan Grant
Taine Groube
Hyomyeong (Chris) Ha

Touch Hemmondharop
Bunnarong (Henry)
Heng
Jade Henley-Smith
Jonathan Hodgson
John (Hugh) Jackson
Aashima Kansal
James Krippner
Serena Lim-Strutt
Yu-Te (Vincent) Lu
Geordie Migo
Suvarn Naidoo
Ben Negus

Jack Oliver
Reuben Rajan
Lauren Ring
Craig Scott
Oliver Soar
Craig Stocker
Hayden Trow
Toby Wallbank
Michael Weir
Felicity Whale
Thomas Wilson
Thomas Yarrall
Yifu (Victor) Ye

Year 13

James Ashenden
Tom Brown
Hugo Brown
Callan Buchanan
Josie Butcher
Benjamin Clare
Jack Davies
Jaskaran (Jason) Dhesi
Matthew Fielding
Aubrey Fish
Andrei Gavrilov
Matthew Hill
Kieran Hitchcock

Georgia Hogg
I Hsuan (Jiann) Huang
Timothy Husband-Dravitzki
Stephen Joe
Bethany Langton
Zoe Lapwood
Samuel Lockwood-Geck
Helen McLean
Harini Meiyappan
Simon Morbey
James Morritt
Keaton Myburgh
Natasha Peiris

Daniel Sarikaya
Jack Schicker
Nonthiwat Seehamart
Lucy Shilston
Jonathon Simpson
Nicholas Simpson
Christopher Swanson
Ariki Thomson
Michael Torrance
Ryan Van Straalen
Junting Wei
Lara Wilson

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the Boarders' end-of-term prizegiving and dinner, held on Tuesday, 31st March, the following students were recognised for their academic achievements:

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Samuel McNaughton	Adam Jefferis	Henry Mandeno	
10	Luka Benseman	Giovanni Glendining	Lane Tims	
11	Zacharias Campbell	Michael Turnbull	Geo Ryu	Madison Tims
12	Blair Foster	Nathan Cleaver	Hyomyeong (Chris) Ha	Felicity Whale
13	Jack Davies	Jack Schicker	Hugo Brown	Josie Butcher





PARTICIPATION CULTURAL PARTICIPATION



CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Aidan Phillips (Year 11) and Katie Trigg (Year 12) have been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Choir. The 60 students from across the country gathered in Wellington in April for their first rehearsal week as a Choir for a successful week of learning music and getting to know each other both as a choir and socially. Their Excellencies, The Governor General, Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae and Lady Janine Mateparae attended one of their rehearsals during the week. The Choir's aim is to extend secondary students' choral excellence and to develop their leadership capabilities as key contributors to the New Zealand arts sector.

Emi Ng (Year 11) has been selected into the 2015 New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra. Each year well over 150 applications are made from secondary students nationwide for a course that is limited to 100 players. Selection is made following auditions. This course is widely regarded as a significant training ground for young players aspiring to membership of the New Zealand Youth Orchestra and ultimately to a career as a professional musician.

In addition, Emi Ng was chosen to play the violin solo for Schindlers List at the concert entitled "ANZAC Reflections 2015" held in the Founders Theatre on Saturday, 25th April.

The St Paul's Collegiate School choir were asked to sing the respective national anthems prior to the game of rugby between the Chiefs vs Force held on Friday, 24th April at the Waikato Stadium.

Term One finished on a high note, with the House Haka Festival closing out the final day. The judges were very impressed with the quality of the Haka from each of the Houses and loved to see the passion coming from all of the students. The overall winner of the Festival was Sargood House.

A NIGHT ON BROADWAY

On the evening of Wednesday, 1st April, 'A Night on Broadway' was held in the school dining room and doubled as a fitting farewell to Director of Vocal Performance, Mr Francis Cowan.

This performance from the St Paul's choir showcased songs from famous Broadway shows. The evening kicked off with a duet from Arika Thomson and Emily Dela Rue singing Skimbleshanks from Cats. The evening was punctuated with solos from Brianna O'Donoghue, Zoe Lapwood and Aidan Phillips to name only a few. We also had the hilarious song from Katie Trigg about her secret love "Taylor the latte boy" and an equally hilarious rebuttal from Jamie Bickford-Smith, about "Katie the stalker chick".

We found out how truly talented our choir members are, both in groups and individually. These students will now be working hard to perform at The Big Sing, ably supported by Mr Nigel Williams and Mr Ian Campbell, our vocal teaching staff.



The Finale "You Can't Stop the Beat" from Hairspray

2015 ANNUAL PRODUCTION – "BRASSED OFF!"

Rehearsals are well under way for the school production this year. 2015 sees us staging "Brassed Off!" a gritty story set in a backdrop of economic turmoil and upset.

Set in Yorkshire in the 1990s, "Brassed Off!" tells the story of the Grimley Colliery Band and their journey to the National Brass Band finals at the Royal Albert Hall. As well as this, the members of the band are facing the loss of their jobs with the government and the owners trying to shut down all of the coal mines in England.

Driven to succeed by their determined conductor, Danny, the band goes through highs and lows while struggling with their identity as a colliery band facing the possibility of losing the colliery.

Through personal tragedy and community stress, we see both the lighter side and the darker side of human nature.

And all the while the band plays on...

This year we have a tight-knit and talented cast. Aidan Phillips and Claudia Miles star as Andy and the lovely Gloria. Jonathan Phillips plays the band's conductor, Danny, originally played by the famous Pete Postlethwaite. We have major parts played by Sam Goodey, James Ashenden and Kurt Philbin with their wives played by Isabel Hulme, Helen McLean and Talitha Patrick. Much of our play is narrated by the young Shane played by Shay Dickson.

While the Cambridge Brass Band is generously playing for us, we have many of our St Paul's students playing on

stage, including Geordie Migo, Kamsen Govender, Ben Hunter and Campbell Smith.

The drama on stage will allow our students to show us all both their acting and musical talents.

It is important to note that our set and backstage crew is made up of talented art students and the crew on performance nights will be led by Non Seehamart and Paddy Forde.

Tickets will go on sale a month before opening night and will be available as e-tickets on our web-site. Performances will be held on the nights of Tuesday, 30th June; Wednesday, 1st July; Thursday, 2nd July and the grand finale on Friday, 3rd July – all performances will begin at 7.00pm.

BAND CAMP REPORT *by Bethany Griffen and Jonathan Mayer*

From the 19th - 22nd of January, 40 students, teachers and tutors had the chance to go to Tihoi for 2015's Band Camp. The jam packed week included fun activities that brought us closer together as a group, not to mention hours of practice to refine our pieces.

After arriving at the campus on Monday afternoon, the group spent some quality time bonding at the AC Baths in Taupo, followed later that evening by the Orchestra having their first run through of the two pieces we would be battling over the next three days: a medley from The Lion King, arranged by John Higgins, and Ammerland by Jacob de Haan.

Tuesday brought on a full day of practice, with six hours spent within the Big Band, Orchestra sectionals and the brand new initiative, the string quartet, led by Michael Torrance. Later that evening, we had the fantastic opportunity to attend a master class, led by the great Melanie Lina, a world

renowned concert pianist. After a Q&A session, three of our students: Emi Ng, Michael Torrance and Jonathan Mayer, showed off their impressive repertoire by playing for us and had the chance to receive feedback on their performances.

Melanie briefly spoke to us again after breakfast on Wednesday morning, which was followed by four hours of rehearsals in the morning. Fatigue could not hold the students back that afternoon when we had the opportunity to use Tihoi's high ropes, after which a few daring students took a dip in the infamous, freezing cold Huruhurumaku creek. After dinner and another hour of practice, the students eagerly headed to bed to prepare for our final day.

On Thursday morning, we ran through our pieces one last time in preparation for our concert that would be held that afternoon. While the prospect of playing in front of 70 parents, family members and invited guests seemed daunting, the concert went off without

a hitch, providing our audience with an entertaining hour of music from our three ensembles. The students left Tihoi mentally and physically exhausted, but with a feeling of pride as they looked back on a fantastic week, that has given them early preparation for another exciting year of musical performance for St Paul's.

We'd like to thank everyone involved with organising the music camp: Mr Shaw and Miss Spenceley for playing along with us; Gee and the Tihoi staff for keeping us well fed, and for our adventurous afternoon of high ropes; Mr Stoneham and Mr Parsons for leading the Orchestra and Big Band respectively; and most of all, Mr Smith, for filling in for Mrs Flint, organising the camp and keeping us on task. Thank you also to the students that attended. 2015 has started on a very positive note in regards to instrumental music and we look forward to continuously improving on what is already a high degree of talent in regards to the bands within the school.

CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the Boarders' end-of-term prizegiving and dinner, held on Tuesday, 31 March, the following students were recognised for their cultural participation:

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Liam Farrell	Jeremiah McDonald	Lachlan Cowley	
10	Thomas Brown	George Fullerton-Smith	Dallas Taikato	
11	Zacharias Campbell Matthew Jayasuria	Benjamin Hunter	Oliver Saunders	
12	Connor Gordon	Finn McDonald	Jackson Morgan	Emma Smith
13	Robert Simmons	Corban O'Connor- Harris	Wade Paniora	Amy Tombleson



SPORTING ENDEAVOURS



MAADI CUP 2015 SEES ST PAUL'S TAKE OUT THE SPRINGBOK SHIELD

St Paul's rowers returned from another excellent week of racing at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships Maadi Cup 2015 Regatta.

From a club of 56 rowers, we had 30 crews entered in this regatta. This year there were over 2100 competitors from 122 schools. On Friday and Saturday, which are the finals day, over 10,000 people turned out to watch the finals from the banks. The rowers are very grateful for the support shown by their fellow schoolmates, especially on the Friday when a large number of students came to watch us win the boys U18 four and then performed a fantastic, spine chilling Haka for our four boys and a girl.

Before we discuss this, which was our highlight of the regatta, we need to acknowledge all our crews who all performed really well, to the best of their ability in what is a very tough competition. All crews have to race a heat and then depending on their performance either row a repechage (basically a second chance), or a quarter or semi-final, before lining up for their final on the last two days. You have to be consistently on your game as the competition is ruthless and not everyone makes the finals.

From our thirty crews, we made 7 A finals, 8 B finals and one C final, and finished 8th in the sweep oar (where you only row with one oar) points and 13th on the overall points table - out of 122 schools - a tremendous effort.



Here are some of the highlights from the B finals:

The boys U15 B double, Elliot Ware and Brad Edwards, were new to this boat a few weeks ago. They had to race a heat, quarter and semi-final. They finished 6th in their B final.

Rowing in his U18 single, Tom Hislop's racing didn't quite go to plan. His B final was a sterling effort, but not really a reflection of his real form from the North Island Secondary Schools' Champs, where he had gained a Silver medal. Tom posted a fast time that would have gained him 7th place in the A final, but had to settle for third in the B final. The really exciting news for him though is that he has been given a New Zealand Junior trial.

Boy's U17 four of Sam Porritt, Cam Smale, Jack Oliver, Hamish Haycock and cox, Charlie Saxton, having narrowly missed out on making the A final, rowed their B final in the new Hudson boat, which was pretty special for them. They had a good B final race, finishing second, but with a time that would have placed them 6th in the A final. A good race to finish their season on.

The girls U17 double, of Zoe Smith and Katherine Keddell, had a demanding route to their B final, through a heat, quarter-final and then a semi-final where they placed fifth, which means they just missed the A final. They did well however in their B final finishing 3rd which would have put them in 6th place overall if they had been in the A final.

Girls U18 novice four of Paris Kingston-White, Jess Crow, Claudia Miles, Talia Namana and cox, Heath Campbell were one of our clubs most improved crews. Their B final route was via a heat, recharge and semi-final. They placed an excellent third in their B final, making them 11th overall in this class

Mathew Caskie finished his week in good style by claiming 5th in his B final, which when considering Matt only started rowing a single in January - to finish 13th in the country is a fantastic effort.

Boys U15 four: William Porritt, Henry Carr, Elliot Ware, Toby Coupar, coxed by Heath Campbell, also had a long road to their B final through a heat, recharge, and semi-final. They finished their racing with their best race of the week, finishing 3rd in the B final, making them also 11th in the country.

Highlights from the A finals include:

Girls U18 double - our two Zoe's, Smith and Lapwood had a busy week in their double scull, amongst their other races. They had to fight their way through a heat, quarter-final and semi-final to make their A final. Their racing, particularly their quarter final, took its toll, and so in their A final they didn't manage the medal podium. Nevertheless, they finished eighth in the country in one of the women's premier races. A fantastic finish to their season.

The boys U18 novice eight of Josh Balme, Phoenix Keyte-Williams, Ben Clare, Shaun Cox, Aaron Parkinson, Aneil

Khatkar, Will Porritt and cox Charlie Saxton rowed their best race of the season, showing courage and heart to finish fifth in a very tightly contested race. The top five positions were all with 10 seconds of each other, a testament to the intensity of the competition, especially when you consider all of these rowers are in their first season of rowing.

Boys U18 novice four - four of the above eight boys then went on to race in the novice fours the next day. Josh Balme, Phoenix Keyte-Williams, Ben Clare, Shaun Cox and cox Charlie Saxton had to fight their way through the heats, repechages and semi-final to race the race of their season to finish third in commanding style and clinch the Bronze medal.

Girls U18 novice four - 10 minutes before the boys won their medal, the novice crew of Sinead Kingston-White, Kate Littlejohn, Ciara Gyde, Georgia Burke and cox Kelly Forde had clinched the Bronze medal themselves in a nail-biter of a race. They showed great courage and resilience as they had to fight off a fast approaching crew and only just crossed the line in front of them. It was so close, they didn't know for several minutes whether they had in fact got the third place.

Girls U18 novice eight - the day before the girls from the novice four, together with Claudia Miles, Jess Crow, Talia Namana and Paris Kingston-White had rowed an outstanding race in the novice eights, to fiercely defend a challenge from Christchurch Girls' High School and grab the Silver medal. These girls rowed so well and now hold the record for the first eight in girls rowing at St Paul's to have ever won a medal. St Paul's has had girls eights before, back in the nineties, but have never won a medal.

Boys U18 eight - this is the flagship race of boys' rowing in New Zealand. Following our success in the boys U18 four the day before, our boys and Kelly really believed we were in the hunt to pick off one of the top three positions. Despite our boy's truly valiant efforts, they had to settle for fourth in the Maadi Cup final. While this is obviously very disappointing and gut wrenchingly hurtful, our crew should be really proud of what they have achieved. Fourth in the country at the highest level of rowing is really a fantastic achievement. The courage and determination these boys have shown in their training and racing has been a real example to others in our club. They have been an outstanding example and true ambassadors of our very proud school. The four of them that won the Springbok Shield could not have done it without the other four members of their eight. These fine young men have trained for two years for this, which is what makes accepting fourth so hard, but in the end that is the result and they should stand tall and be unbelievably proud of their achievement. We are very proud of them all.

Boys U18 four - Of course we are exceptionally proud of these four boys, who together with Kelly put St Paul's back on the national map - with the second most important national title in boys' rowing in this country.

The following is how it was described in the press:

“St Paul’s Collegiate claimed their first Springbok Shield success for 12 years in the penultimate race of a rousing first day of finals at the 2015 Aon Maadi Cup at Lake Karapiro.

On a perfect day for rowing with very little wind, St Paul’s Collegiate took early control of the men’s under-18 coxed fours establishing a lead of half a length from the 15-times former winners Hamilton Boys High.

By 1500m the St Paul’s crew of Henry Wills, James Ingham, Connor Gordon, Charles Christey and cox Kelly Forde opened out a three quarter length advantage from Hamilton before piling on the agony for their opposition to win by more than a length in a time of 6:30.22. Hamilton Boys secured silver in 6:33.09 with Christ’s College rowing from lane eight nicking third to hold off Marlborough Boys College”.

These boys truly dominated this race. Two of them have been invited to trial for higher honours. Connor Gordon for the U 18 North Island team and Henry Wills, together with Tom Hislop, as I mentioned earlier, for the NZ Juniors.

The Trophy they have won is called the Springbok Shield and this is the fiftieth time it has been raced for.

It originated in 1964 when a Mr Cecil Purvis, who had an impressive record in rowing, athletics and boxing, was visiting South Africa. While there, over a few drinks with some South African rowers, the idea of a South African trophy was generated. Jeppe Boys High School (a strong rowing school in Johannesburg) had the trophy made and delivered to New Zealand the following year, where it was raced for in 1965 at Oriental Bay in Wellington. The Shield is made from segments of all the woods from South Africa and covered in little African shaped badges.

We wish to pay tribute to Mr Graham Oberlin-Brown who has done a wonderful coaching job with these boys and the U18 eight in particular, but also as Head Coach - he has coached with the school for three years, the last two as the Head Coach and has shown quiet but effective leadership and together with Adam Tripp, Tim Wilson, Kirsty Dunhill, Jack Thompson, and Louise Ford and Director of Rowing, Mr Chris Foot, has done an amazing coaching job with these young boys and girls. Graham sadly leaves us for a new job with a bank in Auckland. We will miss his professionalism and expertise and wish him all the very best.

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS’ ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the weekend of Friday, 6th - Sunday, 8th March, the St Paul’s Rowing Club attended one of two of the major regattas; North Island Secondary Schools. We achieved huge success with 13 A finals and 4 B finals. The A finals were kick-started by Zoe Smith and Zoe Lapwood placing 4th in their U18 double.

The U18 girls novice 8+ made up of Sinead Kingston-White, Georgia Burke, Claudia Miles, Kate Littlejohn, Jess Crow, Talia Namana, Ciara Gyde and Paris Kingston-White, coxed by Kelly Forde, won a Bronze medal, while the U18 novice boys eight made up of Josh Balme, Ben McColgan, Ben Clare, Phoenix Keyte-Williams, Shaun Cox, Aaron Parkinson, Aneil Khatkar, Will Porritt, coxed by Charlie Saxton came a narrow 4th in their A final. Ben Clare,

Josh Balme, Phoenix Keyte-Williams and Shaun Cox went on to place 5th in the boys U18 novice four.

The novice U18 doubles made up of Georgia Burke and Kate Littlejohn in one boat and Sinead Kingston-White and Claudia Miles in the other, got 6th and 7th in the A final, whilst Zoe Smith and Katherine Keddell placed 8th in the girls U17 double.

The boys U18 coxed four consisting of Henry Wills, James Ingham, Connor Gordon, Charles Christey and coxswain Kelly Forde gained a Silver medal, narrowly losing to Hamilton Boys’ by 0.4 of a second.

Tom Hislop won a Silver medal in the boys U18 single and he was also part of the boys U18 eight consisting of Henry Wills, James Ingham, Connor Gordon,

Tom Hislop, Tim Husband-Dravitzki, Sam Porritt, Kerwan Rose and coxswain Kelly Forde who won Bronze, only 0.1 of a second behind the Silver medalists.

The girls U18 novice four, consisting of Sinead Kingston-White, Georgia Burke, Kate Littlejohn and Ciara Gyde won a Bronze medal, being only 0.8 of a second behind Gold. The other novice four including Talia Namana, Jess Crow, Claudia Miles and Paris Kingston-White placed 5th in the same A final.

Mathew Caskie, placed 7th in the A final - a huge achievement when this is a fairly new boat to him.

This regatta was the last prior to Maadi, but proved a very successful lead up.



ROWING AWARDS DINNER - FRIDAY 24 MAY 2015

Trophies and awarded at the function were as follows:

Les Varney Trophy

Most Improved Novice rower

Claudia Miles

Coxswains Cup

Best Coxswain

Kelly Forde

Veterans Trophy

Best support from a rowing member

Heath Campbell

Most Conscientious Member

Best support from non-rowing member

Felicity Wilson

St Paul's Shield

Most improved rower-all age groups:

Tom Hislop and Mathew Caskie

"Nick Winkelmann Award" (new award)

Nick Winkelmann

School Oar

Most successful Team of the Year

Boys U18 4+ of Kelly Forde (cox), Henry Wills, James Ingham, Connor Gordon, Charles Christey

The "ERG" Trophy

Highest erg score in a season

Tom Hislop 6 mins 05.3secs

Womens ERG Trophy

Highest erg score for women in a season

Talia Namana 7 mins 20.4 secs

1x Trophy

Best Sculler in all grades

Tom Hislop

Seath Cup

Best rower in all Grades

James Ingham and Henry Wills

Presidents Cup

For outstanding leadership from the boys

Henry Wills and Thomas Hislop

Steiner Trophy

For outstanding leadership from the girls

Zoe Lapwood and Zoe Smith

Caps

Awarded to:

Zoe Lapwood and Zoe Smith of Girls U18 Double Kelly Forde, Henry Wills, James Ingham (reaward), Connor Gordon, Charles Christey, Tim Husband-Dravitzki, Tom Hislop, Kerwan Rose, Sam Porritt for Boys U18 8+



ATHLETES BEGIN THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE

The annual school Athletics Sports day was held on Monday, 16th February at Porritt Stadium. Another fantastic day of competition with some performances that were nationally significant. In particular Jessica Hood in the 400m and 800m; Ryan Ballantyne Shot Put and Discus; Sarah Parker Javelin and Jade Henley-Smith in the 100m and 200m.

The House competition was close with Hamilton House prevailing from Williams House to win the event for the first time in a number of years.

The overall attitude and effort of all that competed is to be commended, as too is the enthusiastic support the competitors received from their Houses.

Junior Boys Individual and Field Event Champion

Lane Tims (Year 10)
1st High Jump; 1st Long Jump; 1st Triple Jump; 1st Javelin

Intermediate Boys Individual Champion

Ryan Wilkins (Year 12)
1st 400m; 1st 200m; 1st Long Jump; 3rd 800m

Intermediate Boys Field Event Champion

Ryan Ballantyne (Year 12)
1st Shot Put; 1st Discus; 2nd Javelin

Senior Boys Individual Champion

Asipeli Mafuataimi (Year 13)
1st 110 Hurdles; 2nd 100m; 2nd 300m Hurdles; 3rd High Jump and
Seton Mason (Year 13)
1st 300m Hurdles; 2nd Long Jump; 2nd 400m; 3rd 110m Hurdles

Senior Boys Field Event Champion

Rueben Andrews (Year 12)
2nd Javelin; 2nd Discus; 4th Shot Put

Girls Individual Champion

Jade Henley-Smith (Year 12)
1st 100m; 1st 200m; 1st Long Jump; 2nd 400m and
Jessica Hood (Year 11)
1st 400m; 1st 800m; 1st 1500m; 2nd High Jump

Senior Girls Field Event Champion

Sarah Parker (Year 11)
1st Javelin; 1st Shot Put; 3rd Discus

Senior Boys Champion

1st =	Asipeli Mafuataimi	Williams	29
1st =	Seton Mason	Clark	29
3rd	Sal M'Boge	Hamilton	28

Intermediate Boys Champion

1st	Ryan Wilkins	Clark	33
2nd	Jack Gordon	Sargood	32
3rd=	Ryan Ballantyne	Fitchett	25
3rd =	Seb Ellice	Hamilton	25

Junior Boys Champion

1st	Lane Tims	Williams	36
2nd	Albert Talakai	School	33
3rd	Harry Smith	Fitchett	30

Girls Champion

1st =	Jessica Hood	Hamilton	34
1st =	Jade Henley-Smith	Fitchett	34
3rd	Paris Kingston-White	Hall	31



ATHLETICS RESULTS 2015

Junior Field Event Champion

Lane Tims
Williams
36 Points

Junior Individual Champion

Lane Tims
Williams
36 Points

Intermediate Field Event Champion

Ryan Ballantyne
Fitchett
25 Points

Intermediate Individual Champion

Ryan Wilkins
Clark
33 Points

Senior Field Event Champion

Reuben Andrews
Fitchett
19 Points

Senior Individual Champion

Asipeli Mafuataimi
Williams
29 Points *and*
Seton Mason
Clark
29 Points

Girls Field Event Champion

Sarah Parker
Hamilton
24 Points

Girls Individual Champion

Jade Henley-Smith
Fitchett
34 Points *and*
Jessica Hood
Hamilton
34 Points

Senior Boys 4x100 Relay

Sargood

Senior Boys 4x400 Relay

Hamilton

Relay Cup

Fitchett
Hall
Williams

House Cup

Hamilton
458 Points



QUALIFIED FOR WORLD YOUTH TEAM

Ryan Ballantyne, Year 12 attended an athletics competition in late February where he threw the Shot Put a distance of 18.60, which qualified him for the World Youths. He has since thrown even greater distances which are noted in earlier Athletic reports.

Ryan finished off his hugely successful season with the announcement made by Athletics New Zealand that he is one of a team of six athletes selected for the IAAF World Youth Championships to be held in Cali (the third largest city), Columbia over the period of 15th-19th July.

WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships were held at Tauranga Domain over the weekend of 14th/15th March with 36 athletes from the School competing. It was a successful day of athletics with Ryan Ballantyne and Jessica Hood in record breaking form. Ryan threw the shot put 19.28m in the intermediate boys to blitz the field by over 6 metres and add 3 metres to the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools' record. He also backed it up with a personal best throw in the discus of 51.74m, to win this event by close to 10 metres. Jessica Hood, in a dominant front running display in the intermediate girls 800m broke the record in a time of 2.11.62 to further enhance her reputation as one of the best young female middle distance runners in New Zealand.

Further titles were also won by James Wilkins in the open boys 300m hurdles, Lane Tims in the junior boys high jump and Sarah Parker in the intermediate girls javelin.

Once again our relay teams shone with the senior girls team of Emanae Ferguson, Millie Yarrall, Jessica Hood and Madison Tims winning their race. This feat was repeated by the intermediate boys team of Valynce Crosby-Te Whare, Tu'atao Savou, Jack Gordon and Ryan Wilkins. The senior boys team of Sal M'Boge, Jonathon Simpson, Asipeli Mafuataimi and Della Neli also ran well to place 2nd.

A number of minor placings were also achieved by St Paul's athletes as follows:

Asipeli Mafuataimi

2nd 300m Hurdles open boys; senior boys 2nd 110m H; 100m 4th

Ryan Wilkins

Intermediate boys 400m 2nd; 200m 3rd

Jack Davies

3rd senior boys 3000m

Seton Mason

3rd open boys 300m hurdles

Jack Gordon

Intermediate boys 100m Hurdles 2nd ; 4th 400m

Albert Talakai

Junior boys 100m 2nd

Emanae Ferguson

2nd open girls 300m hurdles; senior girls 200m 3rd ;100m 4th

Jackson Morgan

Senior boys shot put 2nd ; discus 3rd

Madison Tims

Open girls 300m Hurdles 3rd; intermediate girls 200m 3rd; 80m hurdles 3rd

Sal M'Boge

Senior boys 200m 3rd

Valynce Crosby-Te Whare

Intermediate boys 100m 4th

All athletes mentioned above have been selected to represent Waikato Bay of Plenty at the North Island Secondary School Championships in Auckland in the last weekend of March.

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

The North Island Secondary Schools' Track and Field Championships is the last athletics event of the season and to compete at this level athletes have had to compete at their School, Zone and Regional championships. Athletes from St Paul's are representing the Waikato Bay of Plenty when they compete at the North Island Secondary Schools' Track and Field Championships. In 2015 the school contributed fifteen athletes to the Waikato Bay of Plenty team.

Our athletes came away with three individual North Island titles, three second place finishes and two third placings. Three of our athletes were also members of relay teams that achieved top three finishes and another school record was broken, taking the tally of broken records for the season to ten!



Jessica Hood had a busy weekend, but it was worth it as she finished her season on a high note with a commanding win in the intermediate girls 800m; in a race where she led from start to finish. She backed this up by finishing second in the 200m and then she also ran a fantastic leg in the open girls 4 x 400m relay to help her team to first place.

Ryan Ballantyne notched up another victory in his favoured event, the shot put, to confirm that he was the dominant shot putter of his age group this season with National titles at Secondary Schools and Club Nationals level, qualifying distances for the World Youth Championships and a North Island title. He also placed 4th in the discus, but he only threw twice as the discus was before the shot put.

Sarah Parker was in record breaking form again in winning the intermediate girls javelin on her final throw. She added over 1.5m to the School record she had broken earlier in the year. Lane Tims in the junior boys high jump was our 10th school record breaker for the year with a jump of 1.75m. This height had him tied for first and after a count back he was still tied, so he was required to be part of a jump off where the competitor from Counties Manukau narrowly out jumped him.

Sal M'Boge and Albert Talakai were also members of the successful 4 x 100m relay teams with Sal's team placing second in the senior boys and Albert's third in the junior boys.

Our female 300m hurdlers also had fine days with Madison Tims placing 2nd and Emanae Ferguson placing 3rd in this open event. Jackson Morgan gained his first top three placing at a major meeting with an encouraging third place performance in the senior boys shot put.

Other top 8 performances were:

James Wilkins	5th Open Boys 300m Hurdles
Seton Mason	6th Open Boys 300m Hurdles
Albert Talakai	6th Junior Boys 100m
Ryan Wilkins	7th Intermediate Boys 400m
Jack Gordon	8th Intermediate Boys 100m Hurdles
Jack Davies	8th Senior Boys 3000m
Madison Tims	8th 80m Hurdles

SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK RESULTS

SOFTBALL *by Mr Howard*

On 23rd March the St Paul's Stingers travelled to Palmerston North to compete in four days of softball at the division two North Island champs. The tournament started off with teams divided into pools of five. Over the first two days we played each of the other teams in our pool.

Our first day saw us taking the field against St Pat's (Silverstream), eventual winners of the tournament, and Tauranga Boys' College. Even though the team played hard, we lost both of these games by a margin of 10 runs. The highlight of the day was the fielding work of Nick Hansen, who made crucial catches in centre field.

The morning of day two we faced Tolaga Bay. The boys were a little intimidated by the size of their opposition. However when they performed the Haka at the beginning of the game, the team stood strong and united to receive it. This gave them a great boost in focus and energy and we took the field with confidence, starting the game with a home run by Jonathan

Bloor off the second ball of the game. When we came to field, Richie Bloor's quickness in the outfield and the powerful combination of Jonathan in shortstop and Andre Ofsoski on first base stunned the opposition. We went on to win the game by a comfortable five run margin.

In the afternoon we played Feilding High School. This was a great opportunity to test our batting skills, with most people getting on base multiple times. The game was called early, at the bottom of the fourth innings, with St Paul's 13 points ahead. This put us in third place in our pool - just short of making the play offs.

Day three the remaining teams from the pools crossed over and played two further games to sort our positions for finals day on Friday. In the morning we faced Freyberg High School. Despite a solid pitching performance by Charlie Crawford, we failed to put runs on the board and eventually lost 8-0.

In the afternoon we played Feilding again. Once more we dominated, with the game being called after the third innings, with St Paul's leading by 16 runs. This was an excellent day for our newest player, Ryan Nicholson, as over the two games he got five hits from five times at bat, which gave him some of the best batting stats for the tournament.

On day four we had our final game, playing St Peter's, Palmerston North, for seventh. The boys took an early four run lead in the first innings. However, by the bottom of the third St Peter's had pulled it back and were three runs ahead. The boys stayed strong and focused clawing back to a nine all draw at the end of regulation time, with St Paul's still to bat to close

out the sixth innings. With only one run needed to win the game, there was a lot of nervous energy in the team. Two of our team got on base. However, after two outs things looked like they were heading to a tie breaker. This saw the Captain, Logan Fortescue, up at bat. He managed to hit an RBI to bring Richie Bloor home, closing out the tournament with a 10-9 victory.

MVP for the tournament was Logan Fortescue for his solid work behind home plate and his consistent effort throughout all the games.

CRICKET NORTHERN DISTRICTS SCHOOLS GILLETTE CUP QUALIFIER *by Mr Littlejohn*

In match one St Paul's got off to a poor start against Pukekohe High School, but the innings was held together by both Reed Fisher with 41 and Alastair Blackett who was the final wicket to fall for 61. There were other small contributions with Bede Higgins 18, Tom Yarrall 17 and Simon Morbey 17 as St Paul's made 198. In reply, Pukekohe never really threatened the total as they were bowled out for 104. St Paul's took three good run outs, while Chris Swanson and Tom Yarrall took two wickets each.

In match two against Tauranga Boys' College, St Paul's again batted first and were in some early trouble before Chris Swanson 39, Alastair Blackett 48, Reuben Andrews 41, Tom Yarrall 49 slowly turned things around. Aubrey Fish played well late on for 28 not out and despite lacking a big score from a top order player, St Paul's worked their way through to 257 for 9. Tauranga got off to a flying start to be 47 without loss from 5 overs before Tom Yarrall struck. Spinners Bede Higgins 3 for 22 from 10 and Eli Spadoni 2 for 28 from 10 turned the game for St Paul's and put the Tauranga batsmen under huge pressure. Tauranga were eventually bowled out for 204 for St Paul's to win by 53 runs.

Match three was effectively a semi-final against St Peter's. St Paul's won the toss and bowled on a damp surface. All the early bowlers put St Peter's under immense pressure with Tom Yarrall securing the big wicket of St Peter's captain, Brandon Weal for 0. However it was the introduction of Chris Swanson who bowled a better fuller length in the damp conditions

who decimated St Peter's in taking 6 for 19 in 9 overs for his second honours board bowling performance as St Peter's were rolled for only 61. In reply St Paul's were teetering at 27 for 3, but Dillon Kelliher 19, Bede Higgins 18 not out and Alastair Blackett 19 not out, were able to see St Paul's home to a comfortable win.

In the final against Hamilton Boys' High School, St Paul's lost an important toss and had to field. St Paul's made a poor start with too many extras and mis-fields which prevented pressure being built early as Boys' High reached 68 without loss after 18 overs. The introduction of spinners Bede Higgins with 3 for 23 from 10 and Eli Spadoni 1 for 27 from 10 put the brakes on Boys' High while Chris Swanson returned to take 4 for 45 as Boys' High made 208 all out. St Paul's again got off to a disappointing start to be 32 for 3, but Chris Swanson and Alastair Blackett 42 set about resurrecting the innings before Swanson was tragically run out for 23. Reuben Andrews with 57 then played a sparkling innings with shots all-round the ground before he and Blackett were dismissed in quick succession. At 161 for 9 St Paul's were in danger of surrendering meekly, but #11 Scott Spence played a fine hand in getting 24 from 20 balls as he and Declan Keaney put Boys' High under real pressure. With two balls to go Spence launched another big shot into the outfield which was caught just inside the rope and St Paul's fell only 10 runs short of victory on 198.



ANZAC HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 15-17 APRIL

The 1st XI team ANZAC squad (20 in total), consisted of four Year 10s, four Year 11s, three Year 12s and nine Year 13s. This year we have 12 members returning from the 2014 team that went to Rankin Cup.

Once again, a number of quality hockey schools from Rankin Cup to India Shield attended the pre-season tournament with many of them

travelling the day before the tournament commenced. Six teams stayed onsite in the boarding houses. All schools had large squad numbers which provided lots of opportunity for coaches to watch their players perform against quality opposition. The weather conditions were good which enabled the players and teams to show off their hockey skills.

All nine teams will be attending Rankin Cup this year in Auckland – they are: Hastings Boys' High School, Wairarapa College, St Andrew's College, Wellington College, Christ's College, Napier Boys' High School, New Plymouth Boys' High School, St Kentigern College and St Paul's Collegiate School.



Wednesday 15th April

In the first game against Napier Boys' High School, St Paul's controlled the game and converted most of their opportunities. St Paul's scored three goals in the first half and five in the second half. Unfortunately St Paul's conceded a goal during the second half. The end result revealed some deficiencies in the team patterns, positional organisation and communication. However, the boys played with a lot of commitment and intent.

In the second game St Paul's played against Christ's College and again took control of the game early by scoring two goals from accurate passing and communication. In the second half St Paul's improved their decision making which reflected St Paul's dominance of the game; Maks Wyndham-Smith was player of the game by scoring a hat-trick and showed excellent decision making and passing skills. Final score 6-0.

Thursday 16th April

On Thursday morning St Paul's played Saint Andrew's College (STAC). St Paul's stepped up in their play from the day before with better results in the circle, movement of the ball and posting up. St Paul's played some good hockey to beat STAC 4-0.

In the afternoon, St Paul's played Wellington College. St Paul's came out playing some of their best hockey for the first ten minutes. The team passed the ball with purpose and accuracy with Daniel Scanlon finishing off by scoring two goals. In the second half, St Paul's

continued to dominate possession and scored two more goals, finally winning 4-0. The game was very entertaining to watch.

On Thursday night the boys had a tournament dinner in the School Dining Room with salads and dessert supplied by our parents; the main course was from Little India and sponsored by Rototuna New World who also supplied food for lunches. Our guest speaker, Julia Edward World Champion Rower and Olympian, talked about the opportunities of high performance, doing things that you enjoy and following your passion. The boys and staff thoroughly enjoyed her speech.

Friday 17th April

On the final day we played Hasting Boys' High School. The team played with good intensity and accuracy of passing to upset the opposition. St Paul's performed extremely well and took their opportunities by scoring four goals. However in the second half St Paul's standard of play fell apart in different parts of the field which stopped their momentum and allowed the opposition into the game. Hastings scored two very good goals from their limited opportunities. However, St Paul's did manage to put together some scoring opportunities in the second half and by putting the ball into the back of the net. Final Score 6-2 to St Paul's.

In the final game against Wairarapa College (second in Rankin Cup) the game was played with great speed and intensity with St Paul's putting immense pressure on Wairarapa to take a one

nil lead at half time. In the second half, St Paul's came out playing their best hockey of the tournament. They put enormous pressure on the opposition to score three more goals and to finally win the game 4-0.

Results:

8-1 Win against Napier Boys' High School
6-0 Win against Christ's College
3-0 Win against St. Andrew's College
4-0 Win against Wellington College
6-0 Win against Hastings Boys' High School
4-0 Win against Wairarapa College

The 1st XI hockey team were very well supported by a number of parents who billeted boys. It was a busy three days of hockey action, team bonding, team coaching and gaining an insight into individual and team responsibilities.

We would like to sincerely thank New World Rototuna, to whom we are greatly appreciative of for their ongoing sponsorship and support of the team. Thank you to Mrs Donna Shalloe for organising the dinner and food during the day.

The team management are optimistic for the coming season from what the boys achieved during the three days of hockey. The tournament is a vital component in the build-up for Rankin Cup, as it helps give our boys a greater understanding of the difficulties of tournament play; level of hockey required to compete and the importance of self-management and high fitness levels.

THE FOLLOWING HOCKEY PLAYERS HAVE MADE THE FINAL MIDLANDS U18 TEAM TO TRAVEL TO NATIONALS:

Reuben Andrews – Waikato

Declan Keaney - Bay of Plenty

Daniel Scanlon – Waikato

Jonathan Bloor – Waikato

Daniel Sarikaya - Thames Valley

Maks Wyndham-Smith – Waikato

Aakaash Chimanlal – Waikato





ST PAUL'S STUDENTS EXCEL AT WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2015 Waikato Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships were held at Te Rapa Waterworld on 1st April. The St Paul's Collegiate School swimming squad acquitted itself most creditably once again, by maintaining its proud tradition of always finishing in the top three of the 26 competing regional secondary schools. At the conclusion of the day's 30 events, St Paul's had finished 2nd overall to St Peter's Cambridge with a combined score of 883 points - 633 points from the boys and 250 points from the girls. On their own the boys were second to Hamilton Boys' High School (690 points) and the girls were 7th overall. Given our relatively smaller roll (in comparison to some of the other competing schools), this result ranks as one of our best performances.

Through a tough day of heats and finals, with some swimmers having up to eight races, a summary of our achievements from finals includes:

- 21 podium finishes (1st, 2nd or 3rd) of which eight were 1st place titles (including a new record!), five were 2nd places and eight were 3rd places.
- Added to this impressive list were the 39 other results from squad members who achieved 4th to 8th places in a final and which also scored points for the team. That is an impressive total of 60 top eight finals performances which resulted in team points.

Individual top three performances were:

Thomas Griffin **Junior Boys**
1st 200m IM (new record of 2:30.08)
1st 50m Fly, 1st 100m Fly, 2nd U14 100m Medley relay and 3rd U14 100m Free relay.

Jimmy Christey **Int. Boys**
1st 50m Fly, 1st 50m Free, 1st 15+ Boys 100m Free relay.

Nelly Conway **Senior Girls**
1st 50m Breast and 1st 100m Breast.

Charles Christey **Senior Boys**
1st 15+ Boys 100m Free relay,
2nd 100m Back and 3rd 50m Back.

Hamish Black **Senior Boys**
1st 15+ Boys 100m Free relay,
2nd 100m IM.

Connor Egan **Senior Boys**
1st 15+ Boys 100m Free relay,
3rd 50m Free

Marcus Hamilton **Int. Boys**
2nd 50m Fly and 2nd 50m Free.

Shay Dickson **Int. Boys**
2nd U14 100m Medley relay
3rd U14 100m Free relay

Jacob Gibbs **Junior Boys**
2nd U14 100m Medley relay
3rd U14 100m Free relay

Brendan Hunt **Int. Boys**
2nd U14 100m Medley relay
3rd U14 100m Free relay

Olivia Warlow **Int. Girls**
3rd 50m Fly

Kate Littlejohn **Int. Girls**
3rd= 50m Back

Ella Petursson **Senior Girls**
3rd 50m Back

Bethany Langton **Senior Girls**

3rd 200m Free
Rudi Grace **Senior Boys**
3rd 100m Back

At the Swimming Nationals held in late February, Thomas Griffin, Year 9 achieved six top ten placings with two medals for the meet:

200m Fly	2nd
Silver Medal	
400 Individual Medley	3rd
Bronze Medal	
400m Freestyle	5th
100m Fly	5th
50m Fly	7th
200m Freestyle	10th

Thank you to Mr Roger Bell (Coach/ Manager) for all of his support over the season.

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS' TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

On the 26th and 27th March, Connor Egan and Matthew Bond travelled down to Taupo to participate in the NZ Secondary Schools' Triathlon Championship.

Matthew Bond competed in the U16 age group triathlon which consisted of a 500 metre swim, a 15km bike leg and a 4km run. Matthew finished 33rd out of 41 competitors in a time of 51:04. Of special note, Matthew achieved the fastest run split in his race.

Connor Egan competed in three events. Firstly, in the U19 Open Water Championship, he swam the 1.5km course in 19:53 and placed 9th. In the Aquathon, which consisted of a 500m swim and a 2.5km run, he achieved a third placing in a time of 16:35 and thereby won the Bronze medal. In the U19 triathlon, which consisted of a 750m swim, a 20km bike leg and a 5km run, he finished the event in 27th position in a time of 1:10:03. Prior to the NZ Championship, Connor competed

in the Marra Triathlon Tauranga event, where he placed 1st in the U19 race.

Congratulations to both Matthew and Connor who are both new to triathlon for taking on the challenge of competing against the best secondary school triathletes from around New Zealand. Their results indicate a promising future in the sport of triathlon.

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MOUNTAIN BIKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Five St Paul's students competed in the NZ Secondary Schools' Mountain Biking Champs in Hunua, Auckland over the weekend of 14th/15th March. We came away with three podium finishes in the Downhill event. The Downhill course was 1.6km long.

Cole Lucas' time was 2:53 minutes earning him a 2nd place in the U20 age group.

John Richardson's time was 3:00 minutes earning him a 2nd place in the under 17 age group.

Following close behind John was Shaun Campbell in 3rd place with a time of 3:10 minutes.

WAIKATO SQUASH TOURNAMENT

Lwamba and Temwa Chileshe both represented Waikato in a squash quadrangular tournament recently. Lwamba was #1 for the Waikato in the U17 age group, and Temwa was #1 in the U15 age group. Temwa had two wins from three games, coming back from match point down in the 4th game to take the 4th and then go on to win the 5th in a tight game against Bay Of Plenty. Unfortunately his lack of game time whilst at Tihoi showed, and he had a 3-0 loss to his nemesis from Auckland.

Lwamba had an outstanding weekend - although he had two losses and one win, he was certainly playing the best squash he's ever played. He won the final game against Northland with an upset against the #1 in his age group in New Zealand. (Both the boys he lost to from BOP and Auckland will go up to U19 grade the following week for the NZ Junior Open.) He showed guts and determination to win.

Overall Waikato came 3rd, behind Auckland and BOP.

STUDENTS MEDAL AT THE WAIKATO INDIVIDUAL TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Waikato Schools Individual Triathlon Championships took place on Tuesday, 11th March at the Mighty River Domain at Karapiro in hot, sunny conditions. St Paul's was represented by two students in the U19 age group: Adam McCarthy and Connor Egan. Their race consisted of a 500m swim; a 17km bike leg and a 4km run.

Adam was up with the lead bunch at the end of the swim and the bike. Gaps built up during the run with Adam finishing as the 2nd Waikato student, thereby gaining a Silver medal. Connor showed excellent pace judgement to finish 3rd and the Bronze medal in what was his first competitive triathlon.

FUTSAL *by Mr Groom*

The futsal team again performed with distinction at the nationals. For some inexplicable reason and to the consternation of many, the tournament organisers had placed both of last year's finalists in the same pool. This situation became even more problematic when only one team was to progress from each pool and there were no quarter-finals. St Paul's arrived for their encounter with last year's finalists St Pat's, with comfortable victories over Horowhenua College, Otago Boys' High School and Buller High School. They took the game to St Pat's and were unlucky not to go ahead as their pressing tactics worked to perfection. However, St

Pat's weathered the storm of the St Paul's onslaught and gradually gained the ascendancy to go on and win the game. It was a hard loss for the boys, as there was no chance of redemption, even though they were second in the group. At the tournament, the boys played their usual brand of exciting futsal and eventually (due to the peculiarities of the tournament format) finished eighth. No loss of pride was experienced as the conduct, competitiveness and classy futsal played by the team won admirers and was in keeping with the illustrious accomplishments of those teams that had gone before them.

MOTO-X IN THE MAIZE *by William Eyre*

There was anticipation in the air on Friday, 27th March. Sure we had a good crew at the Maadi Cup and there was a hotly contested game of cricket going down at Seddon Park, but for a small group of motocross riders, Moto-X in the Maize was something to look forward to.

On behalf of St Paul's, we hosted the second North Island Secondary Schools' Motocross event at our farm (the property of Carolyn and Stuart Eyre), 50 minutes north west of Hamilton. There were 180 riders from around the North Island in attendance - some coming from as far away as Gisborne and the Hawkes Bay. St Paul's had a team of 15 riders competing on the day, including some beginners, right through to the more competitive riders.

Thankfully we had some rain the night before which helped keep the dust at bay for racing. With national title

holders from across the country also competing, it was always going to be hard and fast racing. Our St Paul's team performed admirably, taking home a third place in overall school points.

In particular our top performers included:

- Andrew Barr placed 2nd in the Competitive 250 class
- Otis Berridge placed 5th in the Competitive 125 class
- Ben Juby placed 3rd in the Aspiring 250 class
- Joshua Voigt came 1st in the Beginner 125/250 class

Well done to all those St Paul's boys and girls riding on the day.

Thank you to Mr Gilbert and Mr Markham for supporting the team and we look forward to another successful event in 2016.





OPEN A NETBALL TEAM - WINNERS OF THE TIM OUGHTON CUP *by Meg Skilton and Abby Helm*

During the recent holiday break (7th – 14th April) the Open A and Development netball squads travelled to Melbourne, Australia to compete in our annual Trans-Tasman quadrangular tournament. The four participating schools were Kristen School (Auckland), St Paul's Collegiate School (Hamilton), Scotch College (Adelaide) and Geelong College (Geelong), who were the hosts of the tournament.

We left for Melbourne on Tuesday, 7th April at 3am. On arrival we stayed in the Melbourne Youth Hostel for the first night where we spent time bonding as a squad and had the opportunity to shop. On Wednesday we travelled an hour and a half west to Geelong to meet up with the other schools and move into the extremely old boarding facilities. We were welcomed officially in a chapel service and experienced a very moving didgeridoo performance by a local.

The three day tournament began on Thursday with four games scheduled for day one. With our squad of 24 players, we were fortunate to have numbers to manage this first day injury free. The development team had a difficult draw and struggled against all three schools first teams.

As it was the first time playing together, it was hard for us to understand each other's play and move the ball down the court. However we improved with each game. The second day of the tournament consisted of three games. The development team began to work together as a team and were able to score more goals.

For the Open A squad, this tournament was a great start to our oncoming season. After a few preseason games before we left for the tour, this was a good start to bond our squad and work out combinations. Along with the development team, we played the first day as a round robin, after four games on the first day and three on the second we had played all other teams. We played really well in all of these games, improving more and more in each game we played and leaving this round undefeated.

The third game finished at 1:30pm, which meant we were able to go out to Bells Beach for a surfing lesson in the afternoon. This was an amazing experience. Only two days before, the World Surf Tour had taken place on this beach. It was great for us all to relax after two full days of netball and we enjoyed having time as a St Paul's only group.

The third and final day of netball took place on Saturday, 11th April. By this time we were all pretty tired. This day we only had two games in the morning, as it was finals day. The development team played in the second division with the first game being against Scotch A. In this game we played well as a team, but were not able to come out with a win. This meant that we would finish off the tournament playing off for third and fourth in the second division. We played well in our final game and were able to keep the score close for the whole game making it a tight final. Though we played well we were not able to come out on top.

The Open A on the last day of the tournament played Kristen A in our semi. After a rocky first half with a few nerves throughout the team, we settled nicely into the game and won this game comfortably. Similar to last year's tournament, the final was against Geelong College A. This was again a nail biting game with no team ever being up by more than two goals. With full credit to the entire team, we kept our cool and won the game by one goal in the last 19 seconds. This was a brilliant ending to a wonderful tournament and a great start to a promising year for the Open A.

After a formal prize giving held by Geelong College on Saturday night, we headed back to Melbourne central on Sunday for the last few days of the tour. We were lucky enough to go to an AFL game at the MCG. This was a new experience for most girls and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the game. We spent the following morning at the Melbourne Zoo and experienced the Night Ghost Tour of the Old Melbourne Jail. On our final day we went to the Victoria Markets before catching our flight home arriving in the early hours of the morning.

Well done to all the girls involved. Both teams played well and we wish them luck for the rest of their netball season. The trip was a success, enjoyed by all and strong bonds have developed amongst the girls. Thank you to the staff who accompanied us to Australia: Mrs Bradford, Mrs Lock, Mrs Munn and Mrs Marg Landon and all the parents who supported us on this trip. Special thanks to Mrs Anna Petursson for her work in organising our High Tea fundraiser.





TAYLOR COCKERTON CONVINCINGLY WINS 2014/15 NZ FORMULA FORD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Hamilton student Taylor Cockerton has wrapped up the 2014/15 New Zealand Formula Ford Championship title with a dominant performance at the final round at Hampton Downs, North Waikato.

The 17 year old took maximum points from the sixth round, qualifying fastest and winning all three races including the Ron Frost Memorial Trophy feature race. "I can't believe it," exclaimed Cockerton. "It seems surreal that we have won the title. I can't thank the team enough for their work and belief in me. It has been a great weekend; we were the fastest on both days and we have accomplished what we set out to achieve."

The St Paul's Collegiate School student won 12 of the 18 championship races held over the summer, but only after a shaky start six months ago. "We had three 'did-not-finishes' taking no points in the first six races which left us wondering what was to be."

"We weren't thinking about the title back then. It was almost beyond our grasp. But we knew we had the speed and the confidence to keep going."

The pivotal point in the title chase was at the fifth and penultimate round at Manfeild Park, Feilding, when rival Caleb Cross from Christchurch failed to gain any points from the second race of the round. "We were able to capitalise on this and I finished the round four points ahead of Caleb." Half way through the season Cross had a comfortable 145 point lead over Cockerton. Te Puke's Michael Scott, Whanganui's Aaron Marr and Christchurch's Ryan Yardley also all had a shot at the title. However Cockerton started to dominate the

championship taking maximum points in rounds three to five

In each race over the final weekend Cockerton was again able to take control of the race, creating a gap on the following pack and enabling him to focus on consistent fast laps until the checkered flag.

"Both Aaron Marr and Michael Scott were able to pressure me at the beginning of each race. However I always had confidence in our car speed and was able to drive away."

The final points table has Cockerton on 1084 with Michael Scott second overall 43 points behind and Caleb Cross third, 18 points further back.

Now it's back to the school books for Cockerton while the team reviews the season and looks ahead to the path that will take him to V8 Supercars. This may involve a number of Australian Formula Ford Championship rounds in order to get to know the tracks and get noticed by the right teams.

Taylor Cockerton Racing acknowledges the support of McDonalds NZ, Safetystep NZ Ltd, Pearce Brothers, Pinnacle Hill Logistics Ltd and Neale Motorsport.

To summarise his campaign, he had 13 race wins from 18 starts, five pole positions from the six rounds, set two new lap records, won the "Morrie Smith Memorial Trophy" and the "Ron Frost Memorial Trophy" and is now the 2014/15 NZ Formula Ford National Champion. A wonderful result, congratulations Taylor.

TOP FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2014 GRADUATE

John Penyas, 2014 St Paul's Collegiate graduate and University of Waikato Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship recipient, has been awarded a one-year full-fee scholarship to Berkshire Preparatory School in the United States valued at \$75,000.

Mr Michael Groom, former All White and St Paul's Collegiate School 1st XI football coach, says Berkshire has ranked as the number one prep school football in the United States for the past two years.

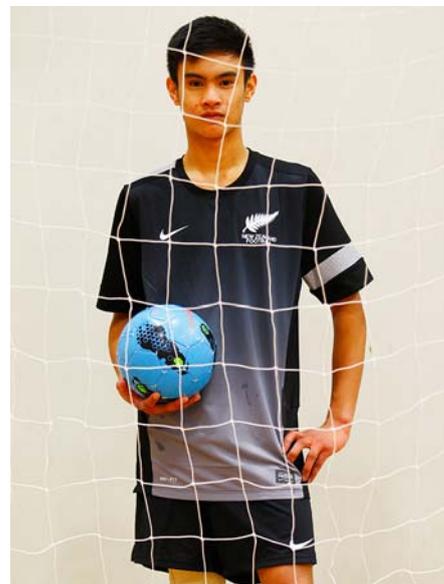
Mr Groom said Penyas was selected by the prep school because of his skills on the football field: "The foundation of John's scholarship was his football prowess; he will be expected to play his

part in the continued dominance of the Berkshire team."

"Berkshire recruits from all over the world, so John's selection as the top recruit and the scale of the scholarship reflect the contribution he will be able to bring to the school both on and off the field."

Berkshire has an impressive stature in American soccer which encourages top universities to actively recruit from the school. The prep schools solid reputation with the world's top universities will only open up more gate ways for Penyas in future years.

Penyas will leave in August to take up the scholarship.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

At the Boarders' end-of-term prizegiving and dinner, held on Tuesday, 31st March, the following students were recognised for their sporting performance:

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Henry Brown	Mercedes Hodge	Jack Deane	
10	Charlie Saxton	William Porritt	Lane Tims	
11	Judd Redmond	Marcus Hamilton	John Richardson	Madison Tims
12	Connor Gordon	Thomas Yarrall	Bede Higgens	Kelly Forde Talia Namana
13	Henry Wills	Taylor Cockerton	Thomas Hislop	Georgia Burke Ciara Gyde Claudia Miles



HALL / HAMILTON HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday, 8th March

PRAYERS BY: CHARLES CRISTEY AND JESS ALLEN
READINGS BY: BLAKE PHILLIPS AND WILLIAM TE TOMO
WELCOME BY: STEFAN ANDREEF
SERMON BY: TIMOTHY HUSBAND-DRAVITZKI

Theme: Perseverance

There are almost infinite examples of persistence. Tonight I've picked but a few, and I hope they resonate long after I've finished speaking.

My sermon is about two Thomas' and how they have shown persistence in their lives. Persistence is described as continuing, especially in spite of opposition, obstacles, and discouragement.

Good evening everyone, tonight I would like you all to think about one role model of tonight's theme of persistence. Please now share your individual role model with the person sitting next to you currently. (Pause)

If I had to guess as to which names were tossed around just now, I'd pick Sir Edmund Hillary, good old Richie McCaw and because they're fresh in everyone's minds, one of the black caps.

However for me, the biggest role model of persistence is Thomas Edison the inventor of the light-bulb. His teachers said he was "too dumb to learn", but Edison kept persisting. He was fired from his first two jobs for being "unproductive", but Edison kept persisting. He failed over 1000 times trying to make the light-bulb, but Edison kept persisting and ended up creating one of the most commonly used tools of modern life. When asked by a reporter "how did it feel to fail 1000 times?" he replied with, "I didn't fail 1000 times - the light-bulb was an invention with 1000 steps." I'll repeat that, "I didn't fail 1000 times; the light-bulb was an invention with 1000 steps." Persistence is not just about success, it is more about failing than succeeding the first time.

Michael Jordan; one of the first names to come to mind when thinking of basketball has this to say about success: "I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning

shot ... and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. That is why I succeed."

My second Thomas for the night is someone much closer to our St Paul's family.

Thomas Hislop, a chapel prefect this year, has rowed for his fourth season, and to be frank, when he first started rowing he was overweight and a bad rower. For the first two seasons he was not allowed to row at Maadi because he was not good enough and so large a rower, he could throw his weight around in the boat and put other rower's off. Faced with this, Thomas rowed a one person boat called a single and kept persisting in his rowing career. He has made massive self-improvements, and not only has he broken the School record for the fastest 2km erg, he also pulled an erg time fast enough to automatically qualify for the New Zealand rowing junior trials. The automatic junior trial is six minutes and ten seconds, but Thomas smashed this and pulled a time of six minutes and 5.3 seconds. If you need an example of persistence closer to home, look no further.

Tonight my sermon is about two Thomas' and how they have shown persistence in their lives.

Persistence is a choice that we all have to make; it is about taking control of your actions when faced with hardships. It's about making the hard choices to train a bit harder or to study a bit longer so that you can be closer to achieving your own personal goals. I'd like to leave you with a quote by Vincent Van Gogh: Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.





CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT *(from the Bishop of Waikato)*

Recently I, like many of you reading this, and many from schools across the whole country, stood on the banks of Lake Karapiro cheering on our rowers participating in the Maadi Cup. Bishops are usually seen as having a rather formal and serious demeanour, but it is a lesser known fact that an anagram of the word 'episcopal' (from where we get the word 'bishop') is 'pepsi-cola' – so I can say with some confidence that this Bishop at least was positively fizzing with excitement at watching the Springbok shield race. Brilliantly well done to the victorious crew of the Springbok Shield!

The closest I will probably ever get to rowing is maybe inviting people to 'bow your heads' in prayer! But it was a great afternoon, and I particularly want to pay tribute to the bumblebee – it can't be easy navigating an event with lots of people dressed in a large and unwieldy costume! I know that behind the success there lies countless hours of hard-work and effort both on the water and off the water, so it is right to acknowledge that any achievement in life takes commitment and perseverance.

You may be wondering what does any of this have to do with the story of Easter? Why do we in this School, pray, sing and at Communion receive bread, wine or a blessing? And all this talk of resurrection...it sounds

improbable, however I certainly believe it happened, and I believe that our lives are transformed because of it.

You are right to ask questions, and you are right to think critically about what faith means in your lives. At its heart, the Easter story is about ordinary things, ordinary objects and lives, ordinary experiences, utterly transformed and given new meaning and purpose. It is a story that bears all the hallmarks of human experience: love, betrayal, doubt, fear, anger, despair, grief, but also victory, new life, commitment and purpose. And whereas the end of the story as described by Mark's Gospel ends with a very intriguing 'so what happened next? The women at the tomb afraid, we know that they must have said something to someone about what they had seen, but that ultimately the 'what happened next' is all up to each one of us, in how we choose to live our lives.

Later on that same day, I was having a conversation with a teacher at another school. She told me the story of what had happened to a crew in one of the A-finals. Right on the start-line, the crew realised that their cox box wasn't working. They appealed to the umpire, but the umpire wasn't having any of it and told them they would have to row on regardless. Right at the last moment,

one of the crews in the B-final offered their cox box to the A-final crew. 'We don't need it,' they said, 'you do,' and so they gave their cox box away, and rowed their final without it.

Now of course, you can't say that they gave their cox box away because it's Easter, but you can say that there is something in the narrative of God's commitment to our world that is about inspiring us to think not of ourselves, but of others. However you choose to describe that, however you choose to associate that with the life of Jesus and the way he modelled selfless love to others, what matters is that you ponder the mystery of what it might mean to regard someone else as important over and above your own needs.

So Mark's Gospel ends with a big '...' what happened next? ... look at your own lives and see the answer...

Happy Easter

CHARACTER



SPECIAL CHARACTER

TERM ONE AT TIHOI

Term 1 at Tihoi enjoyed fabulous weather and lots of action with 67 students in residence. This included two exchange students from Christ Church Grammar School in Perth. The boys have been out and about having completed outdoor rotations in tramp, kayak, rock n ropes, bush survival, mountain bike, sea kayak and rock 2. Blessed with fabulous summer weather, intake one will need to brace themselves for Term 2 as the frosts have started at Tihoi.

Cameron Walker (Chief Instructor – June 2013 - April 2015) has left the centre after serving as our Chief Instructor for two years. Cameron first visited Tihoi as a student from AUT, he then returned as an instructor and most recently as Chief Instructor. Cam

has moved to Queenstown where his wife Kelly has taken work as a high country shepherd. Cam has a passion for mountaineering and is looking to do his mountain guiding certification in the South Island. Cam was respected by students and staff as a man of high integrity, passion and commitment to whatever he does. He gave Tihoi two excellent years as Chief Instructor; leading us through times of change in the safety auditing of outdoor centres in New Zealand.

Damian Firth has been appointed the Chief Instructor starting in Term 2 2015. Damian has a wealth of experience at Tihoi and in outdoor education. He has already started to embrace the role and take it to the next level with exciting

developments in staff professional development and supporting staff in maintaining outdoor currency through personal adventure. Damian is a NZOIA award holder in Bush, Rock, Kayak and Cave. His level-headed, mature and meticulous attention to systems coupled with a passion for adventuring make him ideal for this role. Damian will continue to teach some Maths.

The new staff member to the centre is Boyd McManus. Boyd joins us from the Outdoor Pursuits Centre (OPC) at Tongariro. Boyd is an experienced secondary Maths teacher and will teach in the classroom as well as instruct in mostly bush and kayak programmes.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING HELD AT TIHOI VENTURE SCHOOL *by Emi Ng and Grace Li*



Tuesday, 24th March began early, with an overcast drizzle and a layer of fog, for the 24 Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh students, making our way to the Tihoi Venture School for a Duke of Ed training day.

Upon our arrival we were split off into the three groups we would be in for the three activity rotations.

Our group started the morning off with Mike, learning about the basics of first aid, risk management, trip logistics and communication. We learnt important acronyms that would be useful in emergencies or dangerous situations such as DRS ABC (danger, response, send for help, airways,

breathing and circulation), RICE (rest, ice, compression and elevate) and SAMPLE (signs and symptoms, allergies, medical records, past medical history, last meal and events). Then we were introduced to different means of communication in the bush, other than cell phones, and how to successfully plan for a trip while being prepared with emergency plans for any potential accidents.

Then we made our way to Stu to learn about fire lighting, the Environmental Care Code and camp craft. It was interesting listening to him talk about 'Leave no trace' and bush etiquette, as a lot of the concepts were new

to me. After showing us what to do, we split into groups for a fire starting competition. Unfortunately, we didn't win. But we did however, after much blowing and twig collecting, manage to start an independent fire which is something that I had never done before.

Rotation three was all about maps, using your compass, navigation and group management. I discovered my inability to use a compass when we were asked to walk in the direction of true north, and I walked in the opposite

direction. We were taught how to find north with and without using a compass and how to use maps to navigate. And then, of course we had to put our new found knowledge to the test. Needless to say, the chances of me getting lost in a bush lessened as my compass skills improved considerably. We went for a short wander using our maps, compasses (and also track) to guide us over the cow embellished hills of Tihoi, before we turned back to organise our tramps and wrap up the day.

A huge thank you goes out to Mr Duncan Smith, the wonderful instructors at Tihoi and everyone else that gave up their time to organise and make our training day possible. I know I certainly had a great day learning about how to stay safe in 'The Great Outdoors' and I really appreciate all the effort and thought that happened behind the scenes.

MISSION AND OUTREACH PORTFOLIO



In Term 1 of 2015, the Mission and Outreach portfolio got off to a great start and we are feeling very confident about this year's fundraising, as we hope to surpass previous year's amounts. During this term our focus was primarily on the Shave for Cure being our main charity for the term.

The portfolio team, the School Board and Mr Lander, all agreed that our 2015 charity proceeds would go towards supplying school furniture to a Tongan school that past Headmaster, Mr Reginald Hornsby (September 1963 – December 1969), who was one of our most important leaders, went on to lead. Mr Hornsby came to St Paul's from Christ's College, at a time when the School was close to folding and turned the School around and gave it stability. A strong Christian, he and his wife, Mary left St Paul's to help save another school – St Andrew's High School. He spent two years as Headmaster at this

fledgling school in Tonga, in very difficult circumstances and guaranteed its future. St Andrew's remains an incredibly poor school to this day. Nearly five years ago, its current Principal and Deputy Principal came to visit St Paul's Collegiate to see if we could build on our past relationship. Its students have to leave at the end of Year 12 and it lacks basic resources such as furniture and books for its library. We want to help St Andrew's students and other disadvantaged Tongan secondary students by sending a container load of new furniture and fiction books over to them in 2015.

Other activities throughout the term included:

On 13th February, "St Paul's Valentine's Day", the Mission and Outreach team celebrated the day with the chance for the school community to spread the Valentine love and send roses to each other. It turned out to be a great success and \$400 was raised to go towards our main charity of the year.

On 1st April, a Mufti Day was held with the theme being "Hawaiian shirts and Hula skirts". This theme proved to be a great hit and it made the students aware that they were donating to our main charity of the year, 'Pacifica'. Exceptional outfits were worn and the spirit of St Paul's lifted as everyone got in amongst it.

'Shave for Cure' took place during 'Shave Week'. Brave boys shaved their heads and one extremely brave girl cut off her ponytail. All up, with most of Sargood House taking part in the shaving and Shaun Drew selling 'Shave' wrist bands (which were allowed to be worn during Shave Week with school uniform), Sargood House raised an incredible \$9250, Heath Campbell \$170, Rudi Grace and Seb Ellice \$600, Amy Tombleson \$145, Lane Tims \$102.10, Paul Ferguson \$85, Connor Steer \$110, Williams House \$105. A grand total of an amazing \$10567.10!

We have also decided to make our minor charity "Starship". This is a charity that takes old/broken cell phones and recycles them for which they get paid. So our view on supporting this charity is that, there are not many students at school that don't have an old phone to give. We hope to make a great contribution to this charity.

40hr Famine – our four leaders of this initiative have attended a leadership conference concerning the operation of the 40hr Famine that will take place later this term.



CITIZENSHIP ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED FOR TOP BOARDING STUDENTS

Level	Clark	Sargood	Williams	Harington
9	Jack Laycock	Gus Hanham	George Wilson	
10	Alex Johnson	Spencer Clayton-Greene	Sam Reeves	
11	Matthew Jayasuria	Quinn Bowie	Ben Truebridge	Maggie Powell
12	Harrison Moss	Benjamin McColgan	Thomas Wilson	Tayla Edwards
13	Joshua Voigt	Matthew Hill	Scott Mitchell	Georgia Thompson

GRANDPARENTS DAY *Sermon delivered by Josie Butcher*



Welcome to the Chapel of Christ the King for our annual and extremely important Grandparents Day. When Kerwan Rose and I offered to deliver today's short sermon we were told that the topic was to be on "reflections on the importance of grandparents." The importance of grandparents? Well it's so hard to describe the importance of those who you love most, but we did find a little story which we think describes grandparents, and in particular grandmothers pretty well.

An 8-year-old wrote, "A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's boys and girls. Grandmas don't have anything to do except be there. If they take us for walks, they slow down past pretty leaves and caterpillars. They never say 'Hurry up.' Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie shoes. They wear glasses, and sometimes they can take their teeth out. They can answer questions like why dogs hate cats and why God isn't married. They don't talk like visitors do which is hard to understand. When they read to us, they don't skip words or mind if it is the same story again. Everybody should try to have a grandma, especially if you

don't have television, because grandmas are the only grownups who always have time."

Grandparents. When this word is spoken, so many memories must come to all of our minds. Images of family holidays, of drinking juice in the sun, eating yummy baking and talking about your day, going on adventures. I have a Grandma, Nana, Great-Grandma, Poppa, Granddad, oh and a Hobo. And I have found that I have a very important and special, but also different relationship with each of my grandparents. I go to Nana when I want to chill out, talk and complain about my mum. I go to Hobo for road trips to Kawhia and to go fishing. I go to Granddad Laurie when I want to do cross words and Sudoku while drinking milk and eating biscuits. I go to Grandma when I want some baking or want to go for a walk down the beach. I go to Poppa Don when I want to talk to him about life and thank him for watching over me from above. Oh and I go to Great-Nana Moira when I want to laugh, because although she is 101 years old Nana Moira or Grandma Dempsey as Kerwan calls her, always seems to be able to come up with the best nick



names, for me it is “led-foot” because apparently I drive too fast; for my cousin Zara it is rascal, because well, the name says it all really; and for my brother it is little Stinker because he loves to tell Nana how he can beat my Grandma at golf. But whatever name we give to a grandparent can never truly define or describe these people in our lives. Grandparents are often the ones who hold our lives together, as the saying goes when the going gets tough, go to Grandmas. Anthropologist Margaret Mead once even stated that connections between the generations are “essential for the mental health and stability of a nation.” But more importantly grandparents are special people in our lives who support us, look after us, give us nice food, gifts, sympathise with us when we complain about how unfair mum and dad are and basically love us unconditionally. No matter how much I moan or complain or fail to do the dishes when I am staying at my Grandparents they still make me feel like the best thing since sliced bread. They love us despite our faults and we love them back. Yes Hobo can be a tad annoying when I have to repeat the same answer to the same question for the 10th time during that car trip, and my voice does get a bit worn out when I have to yell at Nana Moira because her hearing is a bit worn out. But the thing about grandparents is that they love us so unconditionally that

it makes it so easy for us to love them unconditionally in return.

Because our grandparents love us so unconditionally, it can be easy to begin to take their love for granted, especially as we get older and busier. However we must all remember the importance of family, and you’ll be surprised just how rewarding and enjoyable taking an hour out of your hectic day to go see the olds and spin a yarn, relax, tell them all about your day and school and life. Because grandparents often are the ones who we listen to the most, (even more than our parents, who seem to know absolutely nothing and cannot understand our teenage struggles). They give us wise advise and teach us life lessons, or even practical things, like Hobo teaching me how to drive a manual car after I convinced him to let me drive his 1979 Morris Minor Ute only to realise it was actually a bit harder to drive than I expected. After all, they haven’t lived for ages without picking up a few things and as said in Proverbs: “Grey hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.”

One of the most important things about grandparents isn’t just what they do for you individually, but how they bring families together. It is generally through our grandparents and their efforts that we spend time with our cousins, second cousins, aunties and uncles and form friendships that will

last a lifetime. Without our Grandma Dempsey, Josie and I probably wouldn’t even be friends. But through family and through our grandparents and Great-grandparents, my second-cousin isn’t just my cousin, but one of my best mates. Grandparents are a link to our past, our history, our culture and our personal identity. We use the life lessons our grandparents teach us to take into the future and into our lives, which we will then pass on to our own children and grandchildren. So thank you, grandparents; thanks Nana; thanks Grandma Dempsey; for all the life lessons, the pieces of advice, the nice food, the place to relax, thank you for family. As said in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 : “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” How the bible describes love, is a lot like how we would all describe our grandparents. I was just told this little story by a grandparent, “My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, “Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?” I mentally polished my halo while I asked, No, how are we alike?” “You’re both old,” he replied.”





ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

We have had very strong interest for 2016 enrolments. It is crucial that current St Paul's Collegiate School families who have brothers and sisters that would like to attend the school next year make enrolment interview appointments with the Headmaster as soon as possible. We have already allocated well over half of the Year 9 boarding places for next year's intake and have only a few spaces left for Year 11 girls who wish to board. Day boy enrolments are also well underway. We

will not be accepting any more than 110 Year 9 students, so it is crucial that current parents both complete enrolment forms and make an interview time to ensure their sons/daughters are not disappointed. Interviews can be made by contacting Miss Jennifer Purvis – 07 957 8830.



